



The Excalibur

August, 2009

Grove City, Ohio....Council 4603

Grand Knight's Message



Ed Nelson

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for their help with this year's festival. It was a success to the help of our Brother Knights. With this event behind us, we can continue to move forward with our commitment to our church and community.

With each new fiscal year, we introduce another administration. The Grand Knight is usually determined to make a few changes. Change is a delicate issue. It keeps organizations fresh with new ideas. On the other hand, we must be careful that we do not offend the people who worked so hard getting the organization to where it is today. This is where we are. Our council is very strong and has a great reputation. How do you change something that isn't broken? We must build on what we have. This is why it is important to include the people who are responsible for your success in all of our changes and challenges. This is the primary reason that it is important that everyone make an occasional meeting. Don't let all of your hard work be forgotten. Place our next meeting, September 9, 7:30 on your calendar. We hope to see you there!

Officers for the 2009-2010 Fraternal Year:

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| • Grand Knight | Ed Nelson |
| • Deputy G.K. | Dan Osterman |
| • Chancellor | Mark Hessler |
| • Recorder | John Connolly |
| • Treasurer | Joe Dickman |
| • Advocate | Pat Sommers |
| • Warden | David Kuhnle |
| • Inside Guard | Brian Zuefle |
| • Outside Guard | Philip Chafin |
| • Trustee 1st Yr. | Pat Fahy |
| • Trustee 2nd Yr. | Dave Foresta |
| • Trustee 3rd Yr. | Bob Neider |
| • F.S. | Dave Bradley |

Meeting Knights

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Attendance is important. Please make an effort to attend our meeting regularly. Your attendance is important to all of us.

Knights of Columbus Insurance...The Best of the Best

There are many fine life insurance companies in the marketplace today. So why should you entrust your life insurance needs, and those of your family to the Knights of Columbus?

In their rating report on the Knights of Columbus, Standard & Poor's states that it's 'AAA' rating is based upon the following strengths: extremely strong capital, very strong competitive position, extremely strong liquidity and historically strong profitability.

I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades, along with what S&P described as 'a distinct competitive advantage, a loyal customer base and a unique rapport with clients' is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney, 'Protecting Families for Generations' by means of 'life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights.'

That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus, and our core values permeate all levels of our marketing program. Our 'Marketing Code of Ethics' is modeled after the Ten Commandments and includes statements such as 'Thou shall present honestly and accurately, all facts necessary to enable a member to make an informed decision.'

Our ethical principles for marketing are summed up by our Golden Rule: 'In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the

same circumstances, I would apply to myself.'

That's what you can expect from me, your professional Knights of Columbus field agent. I welcome the opportunity to present to you and your wife, honestly and accurately, all facts necessary for you to make a sound life insurance decision. I will render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.

Call Mark Mandel @614-308-2294 or email me at markmandel@wowway.com.

Congratulations to the Following

Knight of the Month



Carl Kroskey

Family of the Month



Vince Aiello Family

Happy Birthday



- James Fahy 08/02
- John Willing 08/02
- Bob McCartney 08/06
- Ron Belford 08/09
- R. Dennis Hickox 08/12
- Randall Thomas 08/15
- Joseph Sahr 08/16
- Mark Moscinski 08/16
- Tim Thomas 08/17
- Richard Dosky 08/22
- Michael Alexander 08/23
- Larry Damato 08/24
- Jeff Brenner 08/27
- David Kuhnle 08/27

Health Care Legislation...Abortion Free!

Delegates to the 127th annual convention of the Knights of Columbus Aug.6 adopted a resolution declaring opposition to “any health care reform legislation that does not explicitly exclude abortion coverage for any health insurance plan, public or private.”

On Tuesday in his annual report to the convention, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson had sounded a similar note, saying, “Health care reform must be abortion free.”

The resolution on Defending the Right to Life also called on “legislators everywhere to adopt legislation protecting the religious conscience rights of doctors, nurses and other medical professionals, guaranteeing their right to refuse to participate in abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide or any

other practice that is destructive of innocent human life or that conflicts with their sincerely-held religious beliefs.”

The resolution reaffirmed the commitment of the 1.78 million member Knights of Columbus “to unconditional support for the right to life and full protection in law for every human being from conception to natural death.”

Finally, the resolution restates the organization’s “long-standing policy of not inviting to any Knights of Columbus event, persons, especially public officials or candidates for public office, who do not support the protection of unborn children against abortion or who advocate the legalization of assisted suicide, euthanasia and other violations of the right to life.”

Health Care Reform Must be Abortion-Free,' says Supreme Knight



A health care system designed to save lives on the one hand must not become a vehicle for taking lives through abortion and euthanasia,” Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said in his annual report at the organization’s 127th annual convention today. Referring to health care legislation

now being considered in the U.S. Congress, he declared that “Health care reform must be abortion-free.”

The leader of the 1.78 million member Knights of Columbus told delegates that the inclusion of an abortion mandate and other provisions that would require all health insurance plans to pay for abortions runs contrary to public opinion, which has moved decisively in the opposite direction.

Anderson cited the results of a Knights of Columbus/Marist College Poll showing that “If people were allowed to choose; 86% of the American people would choose to significantly restrict abortion.” Other recent polls, including the Gallup Poll, have confirmed a shift in public opinion. Gallup showed a majority of Americans describing themselves as pro-life for the first time since they began asking the question in 1995. “In our search for common ground,” Anderson said, “Let us begin there.”

Anderson also described plans to expand the Knights of Columbus ultrasound initiative, in which the Supreme Council joins with state and local councils in funding the purchase of ultrasound machines for crisis pregnancy clinics. “Up to 90% of women considering abortion choose to have their babies after seeing an Ultrasound image,” Anderson noted. “They hear their baby’s heartbeat; they see their baby’s head and fingers. They know that their baby is a child, not a choice.”

Since the beginning of the year, nine such machines have been donated to clinics in Florida, Iowa, Georgia, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska and Texas. The Supreme Knight set a goal

of putting “at least one ultrasound machine in every jurisdiction in the Order this year.”

The Good of the Order...



- Ruth Witt
- Tom Moriarty
- Cindy Barton
- Fr. Leo Connley
- Judy Hessler
- The Unborn
- All Priests
- Molly Fahy
- Maureen Fahy
- Don Divney

Mark your Calendar

- ❖ August 26, Social 8:00
- ❖ August 30, 5th Sunday Mass, Installations of officers to follow.
- ❖ September 9, Rosary at 7:30 Business Meeting at 8 **BE THERE!** Please!
- ❖ October 10, 40 Days of Life... We will witness at the Mervyn Samuel Clinic on 5888 Cleveland Ave. Joe Paluh will be calling you for sign ups from 6 am til 6 pm. <http://www.40daysforlife.com/columbus/>